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SUBJ: BIO INFORMATION ON THAI AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY, DR KOSON
SINTHUWANON

REF: STATE 122475

1. REFTEL PROVIDES GOOD, SUCCINCT BIO OF NEWLY-APPOINTED THAI
AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY, DR KOSON SINTHUWANON. WE MIGHT ADD THAT HE
WAS BORN JULY 9, 1930, IN TALATYAI, PHUKET PROVINCE. WITH
REFERENCE TO PARA 5 OF REFTEL, SPELLING OF HIS NAME AS KOSON
SINTHUWANON IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD OF GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
(BGN) SYSTEM, TO FACILITATE FILING AND HANDLING OF DATA. IN
ADDRESSING INVITATIONS AND IN FORMAL COMMUNICATIONS, THE FORM
KESOL SINDHVANANDA IS APPROPRIATE.

2. KOSON SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH, GRASPS ESSENTIAL ASPECTS
OF COMPLEX PROBLEMS QUICKLY, AND HAS BEEN GENERALLY HELPFUL IN
HANDLING PROBLEMS THAT HAVE COME UP FROM TIME TO TIME IN THAI-
U.S. RELATIONS. THE MAJOR EXCEPTION WAS THE NEGOTIATION IN EARLY
1976 ON A RESIDUAL U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND. KOSON
LOYALLY SUPPORTED (AND PROBABLY PERSONALLY AGREED WITH) HIS
SUPERIOR, UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ANAN PANYARACHUN,
IN SETTING CONDITIONS WHICH WERE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. FOR A
CONTINUED MILITARY PRESENCE. DESPITE THIS EXPERIENCE, THE
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EMBASSY DOES NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER THAT EITHER KOSON OR ANAN
IS ANTI-AMERICAN IN ANY SIGNIFICANT SENSE. DURING THIS
NEGOTIATION THEIR PERCEPTION OF THAI INTERESTS LED THEM TO TAKE
A POSITION IN OPPOSITION TO OUR OBJECTIVES. APART FROM THIS
EPISODE, OUR RELATIONS WITH KOSON AND ANAN HAVE BEEN CLOSE AND
CORDIAL.
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